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RE: In The Matter of Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket
No. 95-116, RM 8535

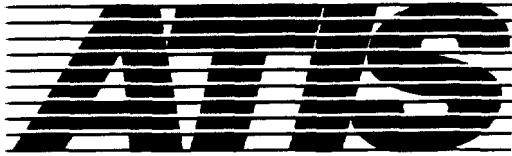
Dear Ms. Keeney:

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Pursuant to paragraph 198 of the First Report And Order And Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking released on July 2, 1996 in the above-referenced proceeding, this letter is to advise you that the Industry Numbering Committee ("INC") of the Alliance For Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") acknowledges the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") directive to the INC to examine " the technical feasibility of requiring the LECs to make their assigned 500 and 900 numbers portable, whether it be through modifying the existing toll free database or through another system" and respond back to the FCC within twelve months from the effective date of the above-referenced order.

INC has initiated several activities to begin its work in response to this directive. At its most recent meeting (held July 29-August 2, 1996), the INC prepared and accepted three new issues (Issues 090, 091, and 092 as attached). The process which INC uses to reach consensus on such matters as that directed by the Commission requires that an issue be introduced and accepted by the consensus of the participants. An issue, once accepted, will initiate the work effort and deliberations by the INC. Such deliberations have now begun on the work requested by the Commission. It should be noted, however, that INC's mission statement is " to address and resolve industry-wide issues associated with the planning, administration, allocation, assignment and use of numbering resources and related dialing considerations for public telecommunications within the North American Numbering Plan ("NANP") area." As a result, there are certain aspects of this technical feasibility report for 500 and 900 portability, specifically those related to the architectural and interconnection aspects, which are more appropriately addressed by the Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum ("ICCF"), largely because the subject matter expertise resides in the ICCF. For this

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reason, INC Issue 092 has been referred to and accepted by the ICCF (ICCF Issue 293).

The ICCF, also an ATIS-sponsored committee, has as its mission to resolve national technical issues associated with telecommunications network interconnection, and the issues associated with the assignment and use of numbering resources utilized within the area served by the NANP. INC subtends the ICCF, and thus, the mission statement of the ICCF incorporates those areas which INC works on. Even though there are collaborative efforts by two different industry fora, INC will ultimately provide the report to the FCC as directed. The INC is co-chaired by Robert Hirsch (AT&T) and Dennis Byrne (The United States Telephone Association). The ICCF Moderator is Ron Havens (Sprint) and the Assistant Moderator is Mary Ann Weldon (National Exchange Carrier Association).

We hope that you find this information useful and these efforts responsive to your directive. The INC and the ICCF are continuing to plan activities (both conference calls and meetings) which will move this work forward. If you have any questions regarding these activities or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 434-8828, and I will facilitate your contacts with the committees.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan M. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being the most prominent part.

Susan M. Miller
ATIS Vice President & General Counsel

Attachments

cc: William F. Caton, Acting Secretary

INDUSTRY NUMBERING COMMITTEE (INC) ISSUE IDENTIFICATION FORM
ISSUE TITLE:
500 Portability Response to the FCC

***ISSUE ORIGINATOR:** S. J. Engleman
***COMPANY:** MCI
***TELEPHONE #:** 214-918-5166
***REQUESTED RESOLUTION DATE:**

ISSUE #: 090
DATE SUBMITTED: 8/2/96
DATE ACCEPTED:
WORKSHOP ASSIGNED: 500/900
RESOLUTION DATE:

***1. ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The FCC in its order on rules for number portability directed INC to examine the Technical feasibility of modifying the existing toll free data base to make only those 500 numbers that are assigned to LECs portable. See Section I of CC Docket 95-116. Numbering issues associated with this matter are within the scope of the INC and should be addressed by the INC.

***2. SUGGESTED RESOLUTION OR OUTPUT/SERVICE DESIRED:**

The INC should examine this issue, identify and resolve the related numbering, interconnection matters and respond to the FCC within the designated one year time frame (by July, 1997)

***3. OTHER IMPACTS (if any):**

4. CURRENT ACTIVITY:

- *At INC26 - Issue Accepted.*

Co-Chairs: Craig Wiseman - U S West
Steve Engleman - MCI

5. RESOLUTION:

INDUSTRY NUMBERING COMMITTEE (INC) ISSUE IDENTIFICATION FORM
ISSUE TITLE:
900 Portability Response to the FCC

***ISSUE ORIGINATOR:** S. J. Engleman
***COMPANY:** MCI
***TELEPHONE #:** 214-918-5166
***REQUESTED RESOLUTION DATE:**

ISSUE #: 091
DATE SUBMITTED: 8/2/96
DATE ACCEPTED:
WORKSHOP ASSIGNED: 500/900
RESOLUTION DATE:

***1. ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The FCC in its order on rules for number portability directed INC to examine the Technical feasibility of modifying the existing toll free data base to make only those 900 numbers that are assigned to LECs portable. See Section I of CC Docket 95-116. Numbering issues associated with this matter are within the scope of the INC and should be addressed by the INC.

***2. SUGGESTED RESOLUTION OR OUTPUT/SERVICE DESIRED:**

The INC should examine this issue, identify and resolve the related numbering, interconnection matters and respond to the FCC within the designated one year time frame (by July, 1997)

***3. OTHER IMPACTS (if any):**

4. CURRENT ACTIVITY:

- *At INC26 - Issue Accepted.*

Co-Chairs: Craig Wiseman - U S West
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5. RESOLUTION:

INDUSTRY NUMBERING COMMITTEE (INC) ISSUE IDENTIFICATION FORM
ISSUE TITLE:
500/900 Portability Technical Feasibility

***ISSUE ORIGINATOR:** INC Participant
***COMPANY:**
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***REQUESTED RESOLUTION DATE:**

ISSUE #: 092
DATE SUBMITTED: 8/2/96
DATE ACCEPTED:
WORKSHOP ASSIGNED: REFERRED
RESOLUTION DATE:

***1. ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The FCC in its order on rules for number portability directed INC to examine the Technical feasibility of modifying the existing toll free data base to make only those 500/900 numbers that are assigned to LECs portable. See Section I of CC Docket 95-116. Numbering issues associated with this matter are within the scope of the INC and should be addressed by the INC. Since architectural and interconnection issues are outside the scope of the INC those aspects of 500/900 portability should be addressed by ICCF.

***2. SUGGESTED RESOLUTION OR OUTPUT/SERVICE DESIRED:**

This issue should be referred to ICCF.

***3. OTHER IMPACTS (if any):**

4. CURRENT ACTIVITY:

- *At INC26 - Issue Accepted and REFERRED to ICCF.*

Co-Chairs: Craig Wiseman - U S West
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5. Suggested RESOLUTION:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Vermel Allen, certify that this 3rd day of September, 1996, I mailed, First Class mail postage prepaid, copies of the foregoing "Reply Comments of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, Inc." in CC Docket No. 95-116, to the parties on the attached service list.

Vermel Allen

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